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Dimona, a fairly large Israeli city. Second, many

of the Black Hebrews work outside the community and have exposure to Israelis and Israelis to them. Third, Israeli officials, (conscious of security considerations, of health and social considerations and of international publicity considerations,) stay in very close touch with the community.

Consequently the secrecy and the isolation of the People's Temple do not exist in the Black Hebrew community.

Q. Will the USG be increasing its contacts with the group and its leadership?

A. The USG will continue to pay attention to this community of American citizens.

Q. Do you anticipate any formal Israeli Government intervention in the group's activities?

A. There is the possibility, as stated in the Jerusalem Post article, that Israel will take some action vis-a-vis the Black Hebrew community.

Q. If there has been any intervention or if any is anticipated, what form did/would it take?

A. Past actions have generally been of the nature of trying to improve the situation to the extent possible.

The GAO, as an outcome of the Guyana incident, is visiting various countries to examine the consular

services provided to American citizens. This team

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will be visiting Israel the first two weeks of
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